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*Applicant:* HESS, J., et al

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of February 10, 2004, please  
amend the application as follows: